



BIG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL, BIG ISLAND, VA.

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#### NEW PRINCIPAL

The tall, neatly dressed gentleman seen about our school is none other than Mr. Willis P. Oglesby, our principal.

He is known by everyone for his famous "pop quizzes", and his love for green peas.

Mr. Oglesby, who resides at Boonsboro, has been a teacher of history, geography, and physical education, at Big Island High School since 1949.

He is a graduate of Lynchburg College and has done graduate work at the University of Va. He is married to the former Rose Younger, and they have three girls and one boy.

He replaces Mr. Richard E. Lee, who is now principal of Amherst County High School, Amherst, Va.

Congratulations Mr. Oglesby! You are doing a splendid job as principal of Big Island High School.

—Mary Burks

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#### OFF TO A GOOD START

The Big Island Elementary and High Schools have a combined enrollment of approximately 475 pupils. Twelve returning faculty members plus the five new members give a total of seventeen.

The spirit of cooperation prevails. From all indications, this should be the best year yet in the history of Big Island School.

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#### BEAUTY STRUCK

Pictures for the Islander were taken on September 30 by Mr. Bell from the Delmar Studio of Charlotte, N. C.

#### WELCOME, NEW STUDENTS!

We extend a warm welcome to the four new students enrolled for the year 1958-'59. They are Carol Hart from Salem, Va.; Wayne Freeman from Martinsville, Va.; Phyllis Beard from Brookneal, Va.; and Janice Whitt from Louisburg, Va.

—Patsy Thomas

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#### VIRGINIA GIRLS' STATE

Virginia Girls' State was held from July 13 through 19 at V. P. I. in Blacksburg, Virginia, and is sponsored by the American Legion.

The representative from Big Island was Mary Burks, and she was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

At the Girls' State there is always something to do every minute of one's time. It is run on a very close schedule. Every day there is something different to do. There were many speakers on different subjects. The City, State, and County Governments were discussed. There were taxes to pay and one had to register in order to vote.

All in all, it was an experience that one attending would never forget.

—M. Burks

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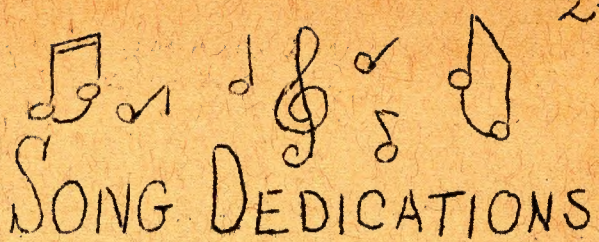
#### FIRE DRILLS

Fire Marshall Ballot Milton of Bedford spoke to the entire student body on the importance of fire drills in the home on October 6 during one of our many drills.



## CLASS OFFICERS

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### Eighth Grade:

President	Bob Trevey
Vice-President	Carol Hart
Sec.-Treasury	Nancy Wilson
Chaplain	Sandra Snead
Program Committee	Carol Hart
	Nancy Blankenship
	Roger McDowell
Sponsor	Mrs. Gertrude Dillard

### Ninth Grade:

President	Janice Whitt
Vice-President	Neal Massie
Secretary	Jane Dawson
Treasury	Judy Arrington
Chaplain	Patsy Tomlinson
Monitors	Barbara Coleman
	Ronnie Duff
Program Committee	Sandra Wood
	Steve Wilson
	Bernice Goff
	Stuart Knight
Sponsor	Mr. Brent Braswell

### Tenth Grade:

President	Wayne Neas
Vice-President	Alice Burks
Secretary	Mickey Douglas
Treasury	Carolyn Edens
Reporter	Jean Campbell
Sponsor	Miss Beth Owen

### Eleventh Grade:

President	Neil Casto
Vice-President	Rachel Branch
Secretary	Ann Tomlinson
Treasury	Kyle Williams
Reporter	Mike Brown
Sponsor	Mrs. Margaret Parks

### Twelfth Grade:

President	Gladys Tomlin
Vice-President	Franklin Reynolds
Secretary	Mary Burks
Treasury	Dorothy Seay
Co-Treasurer	Wray Tomlinson
Reporter	Shirley Turpin
Sponsor	Mrs. C. Oliver

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### S. C. A. OFFICERS

The officers of the S. C. A. for this year are as follows:

President	Franklin Reynolds
Vice-President	Mary Burks
Secretary	Carolyn Edens

Gladys to Frank Parrott - "Down the Ble of Love."  
 Kayern to Sherman Davis - "It's All In .. the Game."  
 Earl to Delores - "Won't You Wear My Ring."  
 Brenda to Lawless - "My True Love."  
 B. I. H. S. girls to Mr. Braswell, "Born too Late."  
 Teachers to Students - "Back to School"  
 Bob to Carol Hart - "What am I Living For?"  
 Billy Williams to Jean Ramsey - "Little Star."  
 Wray to Betty Lee - "Please be My Girl Friend."  
 Corretta to Jack T. - "Forget Me Not."  
 Ronnie O. to Patsy Thomas - "Devoted to You."  
 Marjorie to Garland - "Only Make Beleive."  
 Carolyn to Johnny - "Who Needs You?"  
 Alice to Kenneth - "You'll Never Know."  
 Edna to Pete W. "You'll Never Know."  
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### WHAT ABOUT THE ALUMNI?

Doris Burks has accepted a job at Roy al Finance in Lynchburg, Va.  
 Betsy Branch is staying at home.  
 Kitty Harris is attending Richmond Professional Institute in Richmond Virginia.  
 Nancy Ramsey is a student at Radford College.  
 Beatrice Burks Trump has accepted a job at Royal Finance and also accepted a position as being Mrs. Marshall Trump.  
 Esther Dawson Tomlin is working at the Bluebuckel factory and has also accepted the position as Mrs. Howard Tomlin.  
 Robert Inge has entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va.  
 Ronnie Ross is attending Phillip's Business College in Lynchburg, Virginia.  
 John Robert Rusher is attending Phillip's Business College in Lynchburg, Virginia.  
 Donald Taylor has joined the Air Force.  
 Fred Bechmann has entered Virginia Military Institute in Lesington, Va.  
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the establishment of a strong student government with all the materials of this paper.

STAFF MEMBERS

- Editor . . . . .Edna Coffey
Ass't. Editor. . . . .Ann Tomlinson
Business Manager. . . . .Mary Burks
Ass't. Business Mgr. . . .Eleanor Tomlin
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Boys' Sports Editor. . . Barry Spence
Ass't. Sports Editor . . Billy Hudson
Art Editor. . . . .Billy Williams
Joke Editor . . . . .Martha Burch
Ass't. Joke Editor . . . Patsy Thomas
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Carolyn Edens, Sandra Wood
Sandra Snead.

Faculty Advisor . Mrs. Gertrude Dillard

EDITORIAL STATES POLICY

Welcome!! This starts another year of publication by the Telletorium staff. The staff is looking forward to making this year's paper the best possible. We will write your paper with these beliefs:

- 1. A newspaper can be only as good as the students write it and the students who read it. We, the members of the staff, will try to do our part, but the great success of the Telletorium depends upon all of you who read it.
2. We will only print news which concerns a majority of students. Individuals will not be given priority coverage in this schoolpaper.
3. We will not print social news about individuals. We will print social news only when it concerns the entire school.
4. We feel that no group or club, large or small, can survive without a strong government. We will be behind

5. We will stand behind our school's athletic teams no matter what. No matter how our teams perform, if they are doing their best, they should be praised and have the backing of every student.

6. We will never print news that will affect one's reputation.

7. We will print news only when it is fit to print. No item of questionable intent or meaning will be printed in this schoolpaper.

8. We will carry humorous articles and features, poems, jokes and cartoons, whenever possible.

We hope that this year's paper will clearly reflect school life in both the grades and the high school, and will be a paper of which we will be proud.
--the Editor.

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THE LIVING BELLS

Big Island High School was delighted to have on October 1, 1958, David Workman, featured in a musical program, "The Living Bells." He presented a general assembly program for the enjoyment of anyone who wanted to attend. The cost was only twenty-five cents. He played many different kinds of bells and told some corny jokes.

There will be other special assemblies through the year.

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FROM THE THIRD GRADE

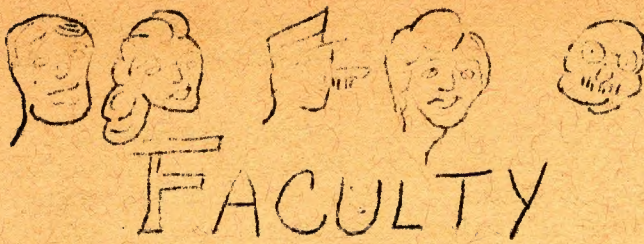
We are glad to be back in school again. We had a nice time this summer. We like to play and study together. The weather is nice, and we can play outside. Some of us have hoops.

--Rebecca Leftwich
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WHAT ABOUT THE ALUMNI? - Cont'd.

Jerry Trevey has entered Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.
Roland Buford is staying at home.
Ernest Manley is hauling wood.
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### Pastor's Wife Joins Faculty

Mrs. Ruby Neal from North Carolina is teaching our sixth grade this year. She has replaced Mrs. Nellie Turley, who is teaching at Brookhill Elementary School.

Mrs. Neal was born in Bladen County, North Carolina; went to school her junior year in Chicago; attended her senior year and one and one-half years of College; at Campbell College; graduated an English major from Wake Forest, and has taught high school English three years.

Her husband, Rev. Woodrow W. Neal, is pastor of Hunting Creek Baptist Church.

—Ann Tomlinson

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### Husband-Wife Team

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson come to us from Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Emerson is originally from Lake Park, Minnesota, where he grew up in a family of eight. He graduated from Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, received his Master's Degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and took two years of post graduate work at the University of Texas.

He has been a car salesman, a high school teacher, and also a college teacher. He has taught in Minnesota; Missouri; Texas; Petersburg, Virginia; and now we have the pleasure of having him here at Big Island High School. He has taught a wide field of subjects which are math, science, aeronautics, driver education, biology, and algebra.

When asked about the ways in which our school and high school students could be improved, he replied, "Although these same conditions exist in schools all over the United States, the school could be improved by expansion, better equipment, more teachers, and smaller classes."

He did say that our students' conduct here compares favorably with other students that he has contacted.

Although he has taught for over twenty

ty years, teaching is not his only interest. He enjoys traveling, and he has traveled in every state in the Union except two. His other interests are square dancing and folk dancing.

Mrs. Emerson was born in Riceville, Iowa, and has been teaching for twenty-three years. She has always taught grade school. Before she came here, she taught in Texas and Petersburg. The interests she has outside of school are sewing, traveling, and leather craft.

Mrs. Emerson states, "I think our grade students could improve by learning to follow directions."

The Emersons have five children, and they're all married. Even though they are alone now, they are still devoting their lives to children and their teaching.

--Carolyn Edens

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### COACH COMES FROM CAROLINA

The tall, neatly-dressed, firm-spoken young man is Mr. Brent Braswell from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, who is not only in charge of all athletic activities this year, but also teaches history and is homeroom teacher of the ninth grade. During second period each day Mr. Braswell devotes his time to guidance.

He attended Oak Ridge Military Academy where he played on Varsity Baseball Team. After enlisting in the U. S. Air Force in 1951, he became Clerical Supervisor and Coach of the athletic teams. He was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Atlantic Christian College. For three years after he left the Air Force, Mr. Braswell was Assistant Physical Education Director of the Young Men's Christian Association in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He also was Director of Physical Education for Park View Student Nurses.

We are looking forward to a successful season in sports under his guidance. We are fortunate to have him at Big Island this term.

--Wm. R. Hudson

### ANOTHER CAROLINIAN

Even though Mrs. Gertrude Dillard is beginning her second year teaching in

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Virginia, her soft-spoken South Carolinian accent betrays her native state. She is teaching high school English, shorthand and typing, is homeroom teacher of the eighth grade, and faculty advisor to the Telleorium staff.

Mrs. Dillard is an English major with a B. A. degree from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and has done graduate work at the University of Virginia.

Prior to joining the faculty at Big Island, she taught English and business education in South Carolina and Georgia.

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## GRADE NEWS

### MY EXTRA SPECIAL

He has a most pleading glance,  
You should see his brown eyes dance!  
And for his charm I always fall,  
With him I can really have a ball.

And how he loves to eat,  
All food to him is a treat!  
He visits the neighbors daily,  
And is always received gaily.

He is my extra special pet,  
A nicer one I've never met.  
One year of age, Tippy by name,  
He's tops in my Hall of Dog Fame.

By Linda Yoder  
Fifth Grade

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MRS. DOWNEY'S FOURTH GRADE has forty-four students--twenty-six boys and eight teen girls. They are enjoying collecting things for Fall, such as leaves, acorns and anything that is a sign of Fall.

In geography class, they are beginning to learn something about our Big World in which we live. They plan to take many imaginary trips to different parts of the world.

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### TRAGEDY

During the latter part of August Miss Nelle Harris of Lynchburg had an unfortunate experience. As a result of a very bad fall, her arm was amputated. She is at the Lynchburg Memorial Hospital and seems to be getting along fine.

All the students at Big Island wish her a quick recovery.--Betty Lee St. John

## By Patsy Feagans

At 12:00 noon Friday, October 3, I Left, along with Corretta and Brenda, for the Trailway Bus Station. While we were at the station, we bought candy, drinks, and books (which never got read)

At one o'clock we, the Junior Class of Big Island and our sponsors, Mrs. Parks and Mr. Braswell, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson, boarded the bus and were off on what turned out to be a wonderful weekend for all.

On our arrival at our hotel, the York House, which is a part of the Williamsburg Inn especially for students, we got settled in our rooms, and then went to the recreation hall to dance. We (Corretta, Brenda, Jeannette and I) went to our room about 10:00 P.M., but didn't go to sleep until about three or 4:00 A.M.

The next morning we were awakened around 7:00 A.M. by our bus driver, Mr. G. D. Saunders, knocking on our door. He knocked until we were wide awake; so we hurriedly prepared for the day.

We ate, saw a movie on the nation's fight for independence, then took a tour of Williamsburg, with Mrs. Holland as our guide. We toured the Governor's Palace and Gardens, George Wythe House, Jail, Capitol, Magazine, the Print Shop, and Bruton Parrish Church. The place that interested me the most was the Governor's Palace. Its beautiful ballroom, the bedrooms and its wonderful decorations were unforgettable.

About 2:00 P.M. we went to Jamestown. There we saw the Old and New World Pavilions; the three ships---God Speed, Susan Constant, and Discovery; James Fort; Glass House and the Jamestown Church.

We returned to our hotel, changed into sport clothes, and just lounged around. About 6:30 P.M. we went to supper and later went to a movie. "Kings Go Forth." at the Williamsburg theater.



My Trip To Williamsburg - Con't.

We all went back to our hotel about 10:30 P.M., but it was about 5:00 A.M. before we went to sleep.

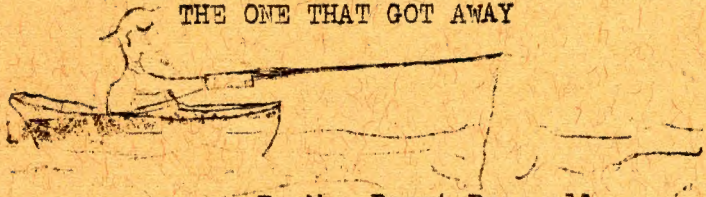
Sunday morning, October 5, we were again awakened by Mr. Saunders. That wasn't so bad, but it was 7:00 A.M., and we had had only two hours of sleep. So you can imagine what we did in the way home. We arrived at the Trailway Bus Station in Lynchburg about 12:30 noon.

If I had the opportunity to make the trip again, I would go; for it was very educational. I now have a better appreciation of our nation's history. I am thankful those men stood up for their rights. Because of them, we are now a free nation.

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Short Story --

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY



By Mr. Brent Braswell

After many hours in an office, day after day, one grows tired of the same thing; but when vacation times comes around, these things are forgotten.

Friday came at last. I picked up the phone and called my closest friend, Dick Andrews, who also had been waiting for this Friday to appear for the past twelve months. "Dick, be sure to have all your gear packed, and I will be by this afternoon around 5:15 so we may get a head start on our vacation."

"Packed?" exclaimed Dick, "Man, I've been packed for the last two weeks."

We both had dreamed of that blue mountain lake just beaming with native trout, its lilly pods bowing as it to say "hello" to the honeybees that gathered its nectar, its tall pine trees swaying in the summer's gentle breeze, ripple--not a single ripple upon its cool, glassy face.

So on we drove through the night to reach our dream of a paradise. At sunrise the following morning, we were winding down the mountain's narrow road that led to this forever-dreamed-of spot. Through the trees one could see the cabins and lodges where we were to spend two glorious weeks. No typewriters, pencils,

phones or loud-mouthed bosses, screaming and fussing; but fish, just fish, fish, fish.

Soon as the car was stopped, Dick jumped from the car and began to unhitch the canoe on top. "Let's go out on the lake now before we unpack." Sure, this was it, and I didn't want to waste a minute. We hauled her to the lake's edge, threw in our life-preservers and tackle, and pushed out to cross the lake.

Dick began trolling and in a few minutes he had a strike. He hollered out, "I've got a whopper!" I looked up and Dick had lost his footing, his feet were straight up in the air, then he came down with a splash. I waited, but no sign. I saw bubbles. I quickly threw in the life-preserver and dived underneath the water to find him. There he was--fighting to get back up to the top. I grabbed his arm to help lift him upward. But he was panic-stricken. He seized me and wouldn't let go. I fought and fought hard, but he held on. I did not realize until then that Dick could not swim.

I broke away and shot to the surface gasping for breath. I swam to the canoe a short distance away and managed to roll over the side. I lay there for what seemed like hours before I could move.

Finally I pulled myself up so I could peer over the side. The lake was still, a blue plate of grass, and all my searching eyes could see was--the flicker of sunlight that was stealing through the tall pines, casting a dancing light on a single life-preserver which floated without life in its middle.

JOKE'S

A car can help you see the world, but it's up to you to decide which world.

Some speeches are like warm castor oil--easy to spread but hard to swallow.

A speech is like a wheel: The longer the spoke, the greater the tire.

A little boy and girl were walking down the street together. He was overheard asking her: "Just who is the opposite sex, you or me?"

Office Boy: "Sir, there's a salesman outside with a mustache."

Absent-minded Purchasing Agent: "Tell him I've got a mustache."

Character is what some people have and others are.

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# ♣ CLUB NEWS ♣

## BETA CLUB

The Beta Club held its first meeting September 13, with Mr. Braswell, our new sponsor. There were four members of the Club- Gladys Tomlin, Mary Burks, Ronald Day, and Franklin Reynolds.

The following new members were chosen by the old members and the faculty according to character, leadership, and achievement:

Earl Cheatham  
Edna Coffey  
Dot Seay  
Ann Tomlinson  
Kaye Hensley  
Neil Casto  
Robert Cheatham  
Danny Mason

Membership in the Beta Club is one of the highest honors in high school.

The Beta Club sells supplies in the bookstore each morning from 8:30 to 8:50. Supplies are on sale for all students and the prices are reasonable.

— Gladys Tomlin

## K. V. G. TRIP

The Keep Virginia Green Crew went to Bedford County Lake on Tuesday, September 23. The group attended lectures on what K. V. G. means, how a tree grows, how tree products help us in Virginia, and how to prevent and fight forest fires. A very delicious lunch was served by the National Forest Association.

— Wray Tomlinson

## SAFETY PATROL

The Safety Patrol for this year-1958-'59--has been doing a wonderful job. They have been helping in every way possible to secure the safety of all persons in and around our school. The responsibility of safe-guarding the lives of so many people lies not only in the hands of the Patrol but with students and teachers as well.

With the cooperation of everyone including the help of the Safety Patrol, let's make this year the safest year

possible.

— Mary Burks

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## JUNIORS ORDER CLASS RINGS

The Junior Class was quite excited September 16 when Mr. James L. Deck, Salesman for Herff-Jones Company, came to take orders for class rings.

There were five colors to choose from, which included garnet, ruby, spine, onyx and aquamarine.

There are twenty-seven members of the class.

— Eleanor Tomlin

## F. H. A.

The Big Island F. H. A., with their sponsor, Miss Beth Owen, held its first meeting of the new year on Monday, Sept. 15, 1958. The meeting was under the direction of the following new officers:

President	Mary Burks
Vice President	Betty St. John
Secretary	Jeanne Ramsey
Treasury	Carolyn Edens
Reporter	Sandra Wood
Historian	Martha Burch
County Officer	Edna Coffey

The F.H.A. has a program of work for the year that will make it a better club and will improve interest. This program includes work in the community, school, and the club.

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## 4-H CLUB

Tuesday, September 23, seven 4-H Club members went to the State Fair in Richmond. They left Bedford at 6:30 A.M., and returned about 12 midnight.

The fair was very educational, and some of the most outstanding exhibitions were those of cattle, home economics, F.H.A., United States Air Force, Navy, Army and the K.V.G.'s of Virginia. There were many more, and all were very interesting.

Even though the invitation to attend was extended to all 4-H Club members, only the following went:

Patsy Thomas, David Arthur, Barry Spence, Marjorie Seay, Truly Branch, Mickey Douglas, and Susie Branch.

It was a wonderful opportunity, and we all hope it is offered again next year.

—Marjorie Seay

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REMEMBER - P.T.A. Monday night, Oct.

13. All are urged to attend.



# SPORTS

## \* VOLLEYBALL \*

There will be several volleyball games for the students and others in the Big Island Community.

Oct. 16 - Boonesboro - at Boonesboro

Oct. 22 - Boonesboro - at Big Island

1:10 P.M. - Practice

1:20 P.M. - The Game!

All students can attend the afternoon game by paying 15¢ and 20¢. 15¢ for grade students and 20¢ for high school students.

Oct. 14 - Moneta - at Big Island at 7:30 P. M. The charge for the evening games will be 25¢ for students and 35¢ for adults.

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### BOYS' TEAM

The boys who made the team this year are as follows:

David Arthur  
Eddie Arthur  
Neil Casto  
Mike Brown  
Bud Burks  
Lawless Camden  
Johnny Goff  
Wayne Neas  
Franklin Reynolds  
Johnny Reynolds  
Barry Spence  
Vincent Tanner  
Wray Tomlinson  
Billy Williams  
Maynard Wilson  
Jimmy Goff  
Kyle Williams

### SATURDAY NIGHT SCHOOL DANCES

As a means of providing recreation for the high school pupils, arrangements have been made to hold dances in the gymnasium on Saturday nights through the months of October and November. The proceeds from these dances will go to the Athletic Fund.

At present the dates of these dances are October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, and 22.

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Oct. 24, 1958

BEDFORD ARMORY

Stewartsville

6:15

Boonsboro

(Boys' Bracket)

Madison Hts.

Montvale

Concord

Huddleston

Moneta

Big Island

Big Island

6:15

Moneta

(Girls' Bracket)

Concord

Boonsboro

Stewartsville

Montvale

Huddleston

Madison Hts.

### REGULATIONS

Some of the regulations governing the school dances are as follows:

There will be a charge of 50¢ per person.

The dances will begin at 7:30 and end at 10:30.

They will continue as long as correct behavior is maintained.

The person who provides the record player is admitted free.

- See Bulletin Board for remainder-